

CLAIMS

1 1. A method for controlling a first computer device  
2 having a limited user-interface using a remote second  
3 computer device, whereby the first and second computer  
4 devices communicate via a wireless communication channel and  
5 support a common communications protocol, comprising the  
6 steps of:

7 transmitting user-interface information from the first  
8 computer device to the second computer device;

9 providing a user-interface at the second computer device  
10 corresponding to the user-interface information;

11 receiving user input via the user-interface at the second  
12 computer device;

13 transmitting user command information corresponding to  
14 the user input from the second computer device to the first  
15 computer device; and

16 executing the corresponding user commands at the first  
17 computer device.

1 2. The method recited in Claim 1, wherein the user-  
2 interface information is a standardized user-interface  
3 description.













1           26. A computer program product comprising a computer  
2 readable medium, said computer readable medium comprising  
3 thereon computer program code means, wherein when said  
4 program code is loaded into a computer device which  
5 comprises a user-interface manager, a processor, a memory,  
6 and a transceiver for interfacing through a wireless  
7 communications channel with a remote limited user-interface  
8 computer device, the computer device is instructed to  
9 execute a procedure comprising:

10           (a) receiving user-interface information from the  
11 limited user-interface computer device through the  
12 wireless communications channel;

13           (b) providing a user-interface under the control of the  
14 user-interface manager, said user-interface  
15 corresponding to the received user-interface  
16 information;

17           (c) receiving user input via said user interface;

18           (d) sending user input commands corresponding to the  
19 user input via the wireless communications channel to  
20 the limited user-interface computer device;

21           (e) receiving a confirmation signal via the wireless  
22 communications channel from the limited user-interface  
23 computer device, said confirmation signal indicating  
24 that said input commands have been executed by the  
25 limited user-interface computer device; and

26           (f) providing a notification to a user, said  
27 notification corresponding to the confirmation signal.